



# Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople



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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Martyrs Leontius, Ipatius and Theodolus (73)

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Tone 4

Liturgical Color: **Green**

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10; Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

### SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, July 3 – 9:30am Akathist in times of Sorrow and Depression

Saturday, July 7 – 9:30am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

*The opportunity for the Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service.*

* Monday	St. John of Shanghai & San Francisco the Wonderworker (1966)	Romans 16:17-24	Matthew 13:10-23
* Tuesday	St. Minas, bishop of Polotsk (1116)	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Matthew 13:24-30
* Wednesday	Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia (305)	1 Corinthians 2:9-3:8	Matthew 13:31-36
* Thursday	Hieromartyr Eusebius, bishop of Samosata (380)	1 Cor. 3:18-23	Matthew 13:36-43
* Friday	Martyr Agrippina of Rome (253-260)	1 Corinthians 4:5-8	Matthew 13:44-54
* Saturday	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 9:18-26

*\* The Apostles' (Peter & Paul) Fast - Let us imitate Christ and the Saints and fast as they did.*

Sunday, July 8 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost / Virgin-martyr Febronia of Nisibis (304)

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Tone 5

Liturgical Color: **Green**

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14; Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

*Additional collection for our Capital Improvement Fund / NOON to 5:00 (ish) CHURCH PICNIC*

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### A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

**Glory Be To Jesus Christ! (Glory Be Forever!)**

**Slava Isusu Christu! (Slava Na Viki!)**

**We are happy** that you have joined us today! **Please join us downstairs** for coffee and a bite to eat. It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning and we wish God's Blessings to all who visit with us today and hope you stop in again soon!

**If you have any questions** in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Fr. Dave and he will gladly answer any of your questions to the best of his ability. He looks forward to meeting you!

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### LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY



Thursday, July 12 – 9:30am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Sunday, July 15 – YOUTH Sunday & YOUTH Sermon

Wednesday, July 18 – 7:00pm Moleben to St. Nectarios with holy anointing

Sunday, July 22 – Panachida following Liturgy for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of +Jack Peifer

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### PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



*(Please have submissions for this section to Father by Wednesday.)*

**St John's Parish Picnic** – Our annual parish picnic is next week on **Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>** from Noon to 5:00 at The Cabin in North Park (988 E Ingomar Rd, Allison Park, PA 15101). Everyone is welcome! Come and experience a day of fun amongst family and friends. We will share a pot-luck meal – so bring your favorite recipe to share (a sign up sheet is in the church hall so that we get a good variety). There will be activities for all! If you need directions, please see Fr Dave. For other questions, please see a Church Council member.

#### Visit Our Diocese On-Line

Diocesan Website: [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org)  
Camp Nazareth: [www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org)  
FB: [www.facebook.com/acroddiocese](http://www.facebook.com/acroddiocese)  
Twitter: [twitter.com/acrodnews](https://twitter.com/acrodnews)  
You Tube: [youtube.com/acroddiocese](http://youtube.com/acroddiocese)

#### Parish Stewardship Opportunities...

*As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Lk. 6:31)*

- Pray for our parish and it's future
- Sponsor a Coffee Social
- Donate towards Bibles for Babies
- Bring in items for our garage sale
- Donate towards our coat drive



**Faith Night at PNC Park** – is **Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7:05 as the Pittsburgh Pirates battle the New York Mets. We are organizing a group of tickets in section 204. For \$30 we

will have a discount on concessions and all-you-can-eat snacks. *(We extended this offer to our Pittsburgh and Tri-State Deaneries.)* Please contact Wendy Martellotti (412-583-6254 or [martellotti11@verizon.net](mailto:martellotti11@verizon.net)) to reserve your ticket by **next week, July 8<sup>th</sup>**. And **Let's Go Bucs!**

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**Weekly Candle Intentions/Memorials** were offered last week by Viola Peifer; Tim Martin; Melanie Shuster; Lawrence Martin; Olga Radick; Eleanor Sanger; Mary Jane Hudak; Joanne Nelson; Theresa Sharpless; Patty Watson; Rich Mirilovich; Cindy Pavidonis.

***“I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” - John 8:12***

**The Eternal Lamp** was offered last week by Mary Jane Hudak, In Memory of Father, Michael; and by Tim Martin, In Memory of Uncle, Clifford Enslen, Sr. May Their Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Jim Pamjat!

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**Welcome to the Newly-Baptized!** Bryce James Blobner was baptized and initiated into the Orthodox faith yesterday. May God give strength to him as he begins his Christian life and bless him, his parents, God-Parents, and families!

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**Shopping on-line** – The on-line shopping store, Amazon.com, will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to our diocese! Simply go to the home page of our Diocesan website, [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org), and click on the AmazonSmiles button in the far left column and then shop as usual (Same products; same prices; same service).

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA ‘BURGH

**Christmas in July! Vendor & Craft Show** – St. Nicholas Church (903 Ann St., Homestead, PA 15120) will have over 20 of your favorite vendors and crafters on **Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>** from 10am–2pm as well as a Russian Auction, Raffles, and Cafe Nikolai for your eating pleasure!

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**Kennywood** – Visit Kennywood for there Heritage days with our Orthodox neighbors: **SERBIAN Day – Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>** – Contact Natalie Wuchenich (412-458-5227) for discount tickets **GREEK Day – Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>** – contact Presentation of Christ Church at 412-824-9188 or at lkoutsavlis@ypapanti.net. Credit Cards now accepted for phone orders. Ticket Prices: Regular Day Pass - \$26.00, Seniors 55+ - \$16.00, Seniors 70+ - \$12.00 (Children 3 & under are free).

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**“Saints Alive” Vacation Church School** at Holy Cross (123 Gilkeson Rd., Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228) Monday-Friday, **July 30-August 3** from 9am~12 Noon (\*8:30am for Monday) For all children age 3 through entering 6th grade (older students, parents, and interested adults are welcome to volunteer!) Nominal registration fee: \$20 if received by 6/30; \$30 by 7/15; \$40 after 7/15. Registration forms found at: [www.holycrosspgh.org/ministries/vacation/](http://www.holycrosspgh.org/ministries/vacation/)

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**Vacation Church School** at Presentation of Christ (1672 Electric Ave., East Pittsburgh, PA) Monday-Friday, **August 6-9** from 9am to 12 Noon. All children ages 5-12 are welcome. We ask a \$5 per child donation. Registration information can be obtained by contacting the office (412-824-9188 / LKoutsavlis@ypapanti.net)

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SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Epistle: Romans 10:1-10**

Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.<sup>2</sup> I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened.<sup>3</sup> For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness.<sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified.

**Salvation Is for All**

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall

**Our Stewardship Gift To God**

Stewardship/Dues:	\$ 340.50
Candles/Small C./Eternal Lamp/C. box:	\$ 172
Envelopes: Sunday/Feast Day/Special:	\$ 1000
Community Outreach:	\$ 187
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$ 1699.50</b>

Collection for the Saints: “On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper.” 1 Cor 16:2

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**Coffee Social Steward Schedule**

July 8: **OPEN / “Pot Luck”**  
July 15: **Kathy Schrmack**  
July 22: **OPEN / “Pot Luck”**

*The Divine Liturgy concludes at the final blessing, but the liturgy continues downstairs as we gather in love and fellowship with our parish family and visiting neighbors. (Everyone is also encouraged to help clean up after.) Thank you to all those who support and keep this critical ministry alive in our parish!*

**People at Work** – Ruth E. Hendricks, a local photographer, has put together a photo display of *People at Work (Primarily Pittsburghers)* and Father Dave was honored to be asked to be one of them! Here are the details: Panza Gallery (115 Sedgwick St., Millvale, PA 15209) – **July 7-28** – W, Th, F 10-5; Sat. 10-3 – for more information, contact Ruth at [rutheh@gmail.com](mailto:rutheh@gmail.com) / 412-901-6128 / [rutheh.com](http://rutheh.com)

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**Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1**

**Jesus Heals the Gadarene Demoniacs**

<sup>28</sup>And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. <sup>29</sup>And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" <sup>30</sup>Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. <sup>31</sup>And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us

away into the herd of swine." <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. <sup>33</sup>The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. <sup>34</sup>And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. **9** And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

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**LIVING ORTHODOXY**

**The Orthodox Home:**

**Creating an Orthodox Christian environment in the home**

Creating an Orthodox Christian home begins with the icon corner. The "bright corner" becomes the center for every domestic church, where the family devotions take place. Each member of the family should have their own patron saint's icon, and a wonderful practice from ancient times is to have a family icon written so that all their patron saints are represented in the same icon. This is also the family's way of declaring to visitors that this is a Christian home with Christ as it's head.

The family should try as best they can to have dinner together every night of the week. Watching TV while eating dinner is a very bad idea, for the meal should be the time when the parents can talk to their children about school, or other activities. In these modern times there are almost always school or work related activities that don't always allow everyone to be together for that all important family meal, but every effort should be made to make this happen as often as possible.

The blessing of the meal, with the father or mother making the sign of the cross over the meal with their fingers together as done when blessing oneself, should never be avoided. If we always say a blessing over our food at home, we are more likely to do so when at school or in a restaurant.

Television, and the overuse of the Internet, wreak havoc on family life, and as such, have become foreign invaders in our homes, having replaced Christ as head of our household. Bad habits are hard to overcome, so replacing these with communal time in the living room may be difficult at first, but this is necessary as the basic foundation of any Orthodox Christian home.

We must guard our home from other invaders as well. Magazines and other reading material should be in sync with our Christian values. If we'd rather our priest not see a magazine or certain book in our home, it shouldn't be there in the first place. As well, the music played should be uplifting, devoid of profanity and vulgarity.

Regular family meetings where everyone has an opportunity to share about things, and where the atmosphere is loving, open and safe, help create trust and a sense of security for everyone.



Although it is natural for parents to argue on occasion, this should never take place in front of the children, for they need to feel safe and secure in the home.

Boys need to see their fathers as icons of Christ, always demonstrating the biblical image of a husband and father. Men need, for the sake of their children, to give witness to the importance of prayer and church attendance. Statistically, children, whose father is a church goer, are far more likely to remain in the faith as adults. Because the husband is a sort of domestic priest (the priesthood of all believers), it is important

that he be the one who leads the entire family in prayer. Men should not leave spiritual instruction up to their wives, but should remember they will ultimately be held accountable before the Lord, come judgment day.

Men should not let their wives do all the house cleaning and cooking. In an age where both husband and wife often need to hold down jobs in order to make ends meet, a woman's work is not just household work. She should

not have to come home from work and be expected to do all the housework and cooking by herself. Men need to teach their children by example to help around the house.

Children should be given a small allowance (according to age) so they can learn to manage money, and an important part of money managing is the tithe. The biblical command to give ten percent of one's income back to God is almost never practiced in the Orthodox Church, which is why so many clergy are given such meager salaries, and parishes have to hold festivals and bazaars in order to keep the temple open. When we fail to tithe we are stealing from God, and the child who tithes ten percent of his allowance will grow into an adult Orthodox Christian who tithes.

These are basic suggestions for creating an Orthodox home. If you begin to implement these suggestions, the Lord will reward you with a family that stands strong and your children will grow up as spiritually healthy Christians, grounded in biblical teachings and moral fortitude. Your grandchildren will, in return, be raised with the same biblical principles and you will be the most blessed grandparents on your block!

With love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon



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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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The holy Martyrs Leontius, Ipatius and Theodolus

Commemorated on July 1 / June 18

The holy Martyrs Leontius, Ipatius and Theodolus were Roman soldiers. The holy Martyr Leontius, a Greek by origin, during the reign of Vespasian (70-79) served as a military-chief in the imperial army in the Phoenician city of Tripoli. The Christian Leontius was distinguished for his bravery and good sense, and the people of Tripoli held him in deep regard for his virtue.



The emperor appointed the Roman senator Adrian as governor of the Phoenician district, with full powers to hunt out Christians, and in case of their refusal to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods, to give them over to torture and death. And on his way to Phoenicia Adrian received a report, that Saint Leontius had turned many away from worshipping the pagan gods. The governor sent the tribune Ipatius with a detachment of soldiers to Tripoli, so as to find and arrest the Christian Leontius. Along the way the tribune Ipatius fell seriously ill, and being near death, he saw in a dream an Angel, which said: "If thou wishest to be healed, invoke thrice with thine soldiers: "God of Leontius, help me". Opening his eyes Ipatius beheld the Angel and said: "I was sent to arrest Leontius, how is it that I should appeal to his God?" At this moment the Angel became invisible. Ipatius told about his dream to the soldiers, among whose number was also his friend Theodolus, and all of them together thrice called on the help of the God, Whose Name it was that Saint Leontius confessed. Ipatius was immediately healed to the great joy of his soldiers, but only Theodolus sat aside, pondering the miracle. His soul was filled with love for God, and he told Ipatius to proceed twice as quickly to the city in search of Saint Leontius.

Upon their arrival in the city, a stranger met them and invited them to his house, where he

lavishly hosted the travellers. Learning that their hospitable host was Saint Leontius, they fell on their knees and asked him to enlighten them with faith in the True God. They were baptised here, and when Saint Leontius pronounced over them the prayer calling on the Name of the MostHoly Trinity, a luminous cloud overshadowed the newly-baptised and shed a graced rain. The remaining soldiers in search of their commander arrived in Tripoli, where also had arrived the governor Adrian. Learning about what had happened, he gave orders to bring him Saints Leontius, Ipatius and

Theodolus, and having threatened them with torture and death, he demanded that they renounce Christ and offer sacrifice to the Roman gods. All the martyrs firmly confessed their faith in Christ. Saint Ipatius was put under a column and struck at with iron claws, and Saint Theodolus was mercilessly beaten with rods. Seeing the steadfastness of the saints, they beheaded these two. And after torture, they sent Saint Leontius off to prison. In the morning he came before the governor. Adrian tried to entice the holy martyr with honours and rewards, and accomplishing nothing, he gave him over to new tortures: the holy martyr was suspended head downwards from a pillar with an heavy stone about his neck, but nothing was able to make him renounce Christ. The governor gave orders to beat at the sufferer with rods until such time as he died. They then threw the body of the holy Martyr Leontius out beyond the city, but Christians reverently gave it burial near Tripoli. The death of the holy martyrs occurred in about the years 70-79.

The accusation against Saint Leontios, and his sufferings and death are recorded on tin tablets prepared by the court scribe (commentarius). These tablets were placed at the grave of the holy martyr.

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SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

"The holy Church teaches us that every Christian receives from God at his baptism a holy guardian angel, who, invisibly guarding the Christian, inspires him with every kind of good deed during his life, and reminds him of God's commandments. The prince of darkness, who desires to draw the entire human race into destruction allotted to himself, also appoints one of the wicked spirits to attend man, and this spirit follows his man everywhere and tries to draw him into every kind of sin." +St. Ignatius Brianchaninov

MONDAY

"Don't judge your neighbor; his sin may be obvious, but his repentance is not." - Abba Dorotheos

TUESDAY

"Help one another with the generosity of the Lord, and despise no one. When you have the opportunity to do good, do not let it go by." +St. Polycarp of Smyrna

WEDNESDAY

"Each person, in their thoughts, must engage in the struggle against evil so that Christ may shine in the heart." +St. Macarius the Great

THURSDAY

"Wherefore then did He make the flowers so beautiful? That He might display His own wisdom and the excellency of His power; that from everything we might learn His glory. For not "the Heavens only declare the glory of God," but the earth too; and this David declared when he said, "Praise the Lord, ye fruitful trees, and all cedars." For some by their fruits, some by their greatness, some by their beauty, send up praise to Him who made them." +St. John Chrysostom

FRIDAY

"There is still time for endurance, time for patience, time for healing, time for change. Have you slipped? Rise up. Have you sinned? Cease. Do not stand among sinners, but leap aside." +St. Basil the Great

SATURDAY - FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE HONORABLE, GLORIOUS PROPHET,  
FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN



"O Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, in spite of our honor and devotion we are unable to give you worthy praise. Through your glorious and noble birth your mother's childlessness was ended, your father's tongue was freed, and the incarnation of the Son of God was proclaimed to the world." – Tropar for the Feast

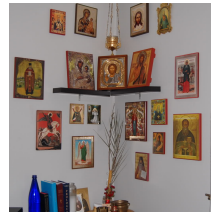
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PRAYER CORNER

Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions and Other Needs \*

**A Prayer For The Sick:** O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant **name**. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver **him/her** from sickness and bitter pain. Heal **him/her** so that **he/she** may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.

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**For the Health of...** Julie, Jane, Mildred, Anna Mae, Andrew, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Barbara, Matthew, Patricia, Lino, David, Melissa, Louis, Marjorie, Jonathan, Donna, Doug, Danielle, June, Helen, Mary Jane, Alimamy, ...through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.

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**For the Special Intentions of...** Bishop Gregory, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, John S., Amee, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Ashley, John, and Noella, *our seminarians:* Michael and Daniel, *and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee:* Matthew, John, Timothy, Patricia, Theresa, Lawrence, Donald, Jane, Cynthia, Katherine, Eleanor, Kenneth, Gina, Robert, Jillian, Wendy, Olga, John, Melanie, Michael, John, Richard, John, Margaret, Sarah, Patricia, *and for those working towards our Community Outreach,* The Monastery of the Transfiguration ...through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

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**Birthday Prayers for...** Joanna Delaney (7/2), Robert Fall (7/2), Pañi Stacey Mihaly (7/5)  
...May God allow them to grow in peace and love all the days of their lives and may He grant them many and blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!

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**Anniversary Prayers for...** ...May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!

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**For those preparing for Marriage...** Nicole & Jeffrey ...through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.

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**For Expectant Mothers...** Lindsay, Mary Ann, Elyse, and Lauren  
...through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, and St Irene Chrysovalantou.

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**For our Catechumens & Inquirers...** Ashley and Patrick  
...through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John Maximovitch.

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**For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil Authorities...**  
...through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.

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**For the souls of the newly departed...**  
...May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. Eternal Memory!

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\* This is to be used for the special intentions of our brothers and sisters and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers. Please let Fr. Dave know if you would wish to make additions or subtractions (in the case of answered prayers) to our Parish List. The words of the Gospel are true: **it is good to pray for one another**. Let this be a place where we lay out our concerns and beg the help of our brothers & sisters in Christ. *This prayer list is NOT limited to Orthodox Christians.*

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DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS OF THE WEEK:

Concerning Prayer:

"It is not necessary to say a lot of words; just stretch up your hands to God and say,  
**"Lord, as You will and as You desire, lead me [us]."**

And if you are afflicted, say,

**"Lord, help me [us]!"**

He knows what is good.

He will take pity on us in accordance with His mercies and His love of humanity."

+St. Macarius the Great